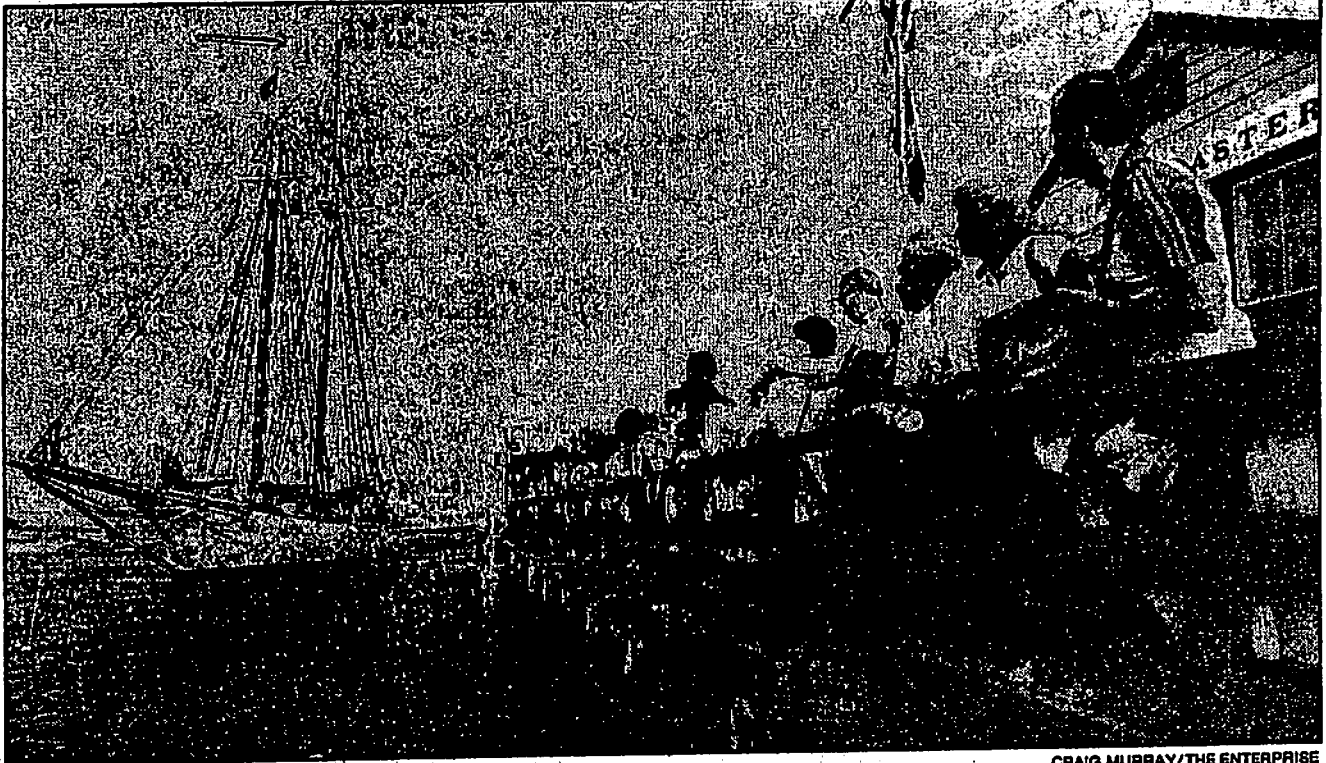


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Onlookers strain their necks for a good view of the "Spirit of Massachusetts" as it arrives in Duxbury Friday evening to celebrate that town's 350th anniversary.

Duxbury catches the spirit

Tall Ship 'Massachusetts' arrives to kick off 350th celebration

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DUXBURY — The schooner "Spirit of Massachusetts," one of the so-called Tall Ships, arrived at Bug Light in the town's harbor early Friday evening.

A flotilla of smaller sailing and pleasure boats accompanied the ship as it sailed on to "The Norman B. White," anchored between nun buoys

12 and 14. Hundreds of spectators on shore watched as the "Spirit" sailed through the channel at high tide to help Duxbury begin its celebration of its 350th birthday.

Today, the "Spirit" will be open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. for viewing by the public. It is scheduled to depart Duxbury Harbor on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Congestion, which was expected all along the shore, became reality as

motorists jockeyed for the few parking spaces along the ship's route, according to police.

Maps and details of the schooner are available from the harbormaster's office, police said. Launch sites for pleasure boaters are at a premium and alternate sites are suggested by the harbormaster.

A dedication of the town's historical district along Washington
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Suzanne Walker waits for the Tall Ship "Spirit of Massachusetts" to arrive in Duxbury.

"I find it's very important to have these roots," he said.

"Someday, my grandson Wesley, who is here with me today will grow things on that same land and cut firewood for his fires, continuing in his heritage on the land our ancestors gave us."

Delano said he remembers the town's 300th birthday when he was five years old. "In that parade, my father drove a Conostoga wagon driven by oxen that he raised. I just remember it was an incredible sight."

Kennedy led the children in a "count-

down" of generations, 14 in all, to illustrate how many had passed in 350 years.

As a birthday cake was presented to the town's oldest citizen, Miss Hilda Nichols, children and teachers, to the tune of "Happy Birthday, Dear Duxbury," let 350 balloons go into the morning air.